

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please cancel Claims 2, 7, 8, and 10, amend Claims 1, 3-6, and 9, and insert new Claim 11 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An image reading apparatus comprising:
 - an original table which comprises a transparent member coated with a predetermined coating agent;
 - a reading unit which reads an original image through said coated transparent member of said original table and outputs an image signal;
 - a correction unit which corrects ~~the~~ a signal level of the image signal in dependence on individual transmittancy of said coated transparent member;
 - a setting unit which sets ~~numeric~~ individual data which depends on the individual transmittancy of said coated transparent member; and
 - a control unit which controls a correction operation ~~amount~~ of said correction unit in accordance with the ~~numeric~~ individual data set by said setting unit.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 2 1, wherein said predetermined coating agent includes an antistatic agent.
4. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 2 1, wherein said setting unit ~~calculates~~ sets the individual ~~numeric~~ data in accordance with a ratio between a first reading level, obtained by said reading unit reading a reference original through ~~a first~~ an uncoated transparent member ~~uncoated with said coating agent~~, and a

second reading level, obtained by said reading unit reading said reference original through a second said coated transparent member ~~coated with said coating agent~~.

5. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the ~~numeric~~ individual data is input on a screen ~~onscreen~~.

6. An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said correction unit corrects a shading of the image signal, and said control unit controls the ~~a~~ shading correction ~~amount~~ operation in accordance with the ~~numeric~~ individual data.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to Claim ~~7~~ 6, further comprising a an uncoated transparent member ~~that is not coated with said predetermined coating agent~~, wherein said reading unit reads a standard density member through the uncoated transparent member to make shading data.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the image signal includes a plurality of color components, and said setting unit sets the individual data for each of the color components.